

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A compound ~~according to claim 1, of formula (1)~~

$[M^1-T^1]_a-[P^1-T^2-M^2]_b-[T^3-P^2]_c$ (1)

or a salt thereof,

wherein

M^1 and M^2 are the same or different and are each a metal coordination complex selected from the group consisting of a platinum complex, a palladium complex, a ruthenium complex, and a rhodium complex, wherein at least one of M^1 and M^2 is capable of interacting with a major groove or minor groove of a polynucleotide;

P^1 and P^2 are the same or different and are each a pyrrole-imidazole polyamide, wherein each pyrrole-imidazole polyamides (P^1 , P^2) independently comprises a plurality of heterocyclic rings selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted N-methylimidazole (Im), optionally substituted N-methylpyrrole (Py) and optionally substituted 3-hydroxy N-methylpyrrole (Hp);

T^1 , T^2 and T^3 are the same or different and are each a linker group having the formula (2):

$-Y^1-(A)_n-Y^2-$ (2)

wherein

Y¹ and Y² may be the same or different and are independently selected from NH, -NH₂, C=O, C=S, C=NH, O, OH, S, SH, S(O), S(O)₂, NR³, NHR³, N(R³)₂, an optionally substituted cycloalkylamine, an optionally substituted cycloalkyldiamine, and an optionally substituted heteroaryl group; where each R³ is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

A is selected from the group consisting of an optionally substituted C₁₋₁₀ alkylene, an optionally substituted C₂₋₁₀ alkenylene, an optionally substituted C₂₋₁₀ alkynylene, an optionally substituted C₃₋₆ cycloalkylene, an optionally substituted C₆₋₁₀ aryl, C=O, C=S, and C=NH, NH, O, S, NH₂, OH, SH, S(O), S(O)₂, amino acids, and spermidine; and

n is an integer selected from 1 to 20,

wherein when n is an integer greater than 1, each (A) group may be the same or different;

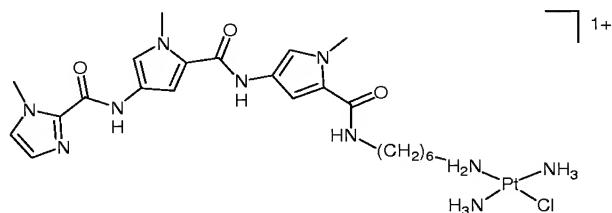
a is 0, or 1;

b is an integer selected from 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5;

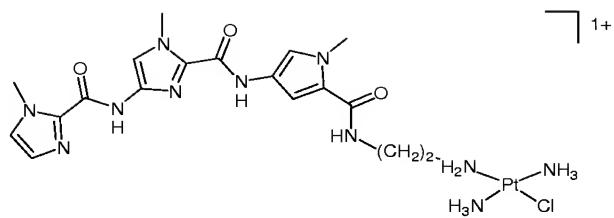
wherein when b is an integer greater than 1, each P¹, each T² and each M² may be the same or different; and

c is 0, 1 or 2; wherein when c is 2, each P² may be the same or different and each T³ may be the same or different;

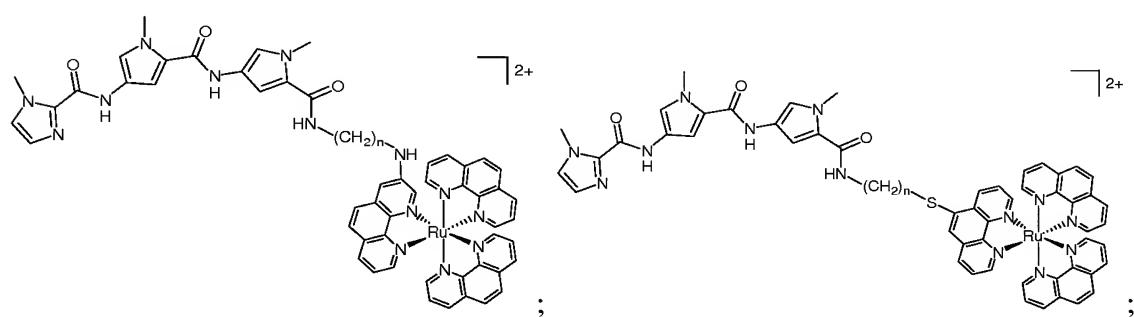
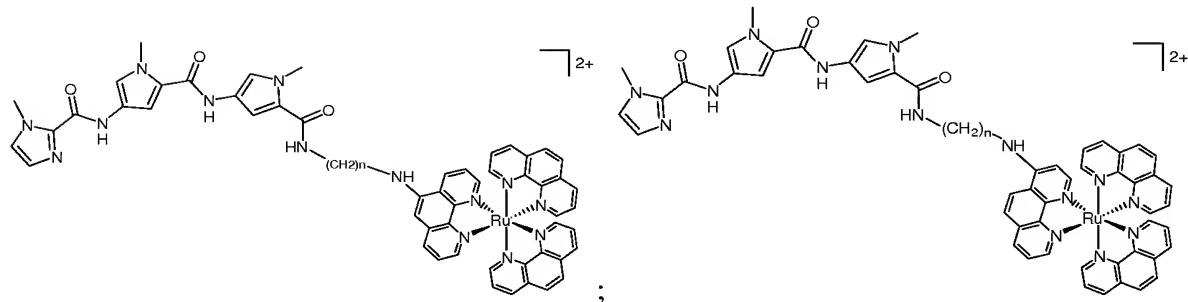
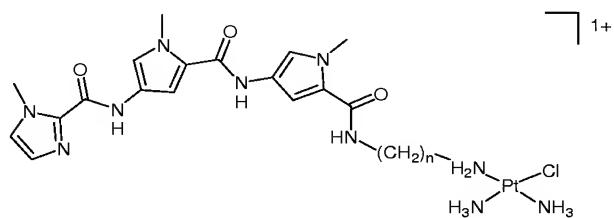
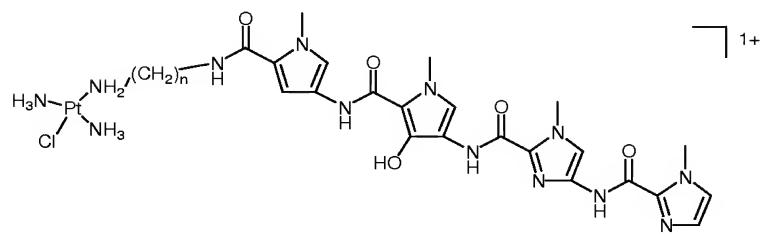
wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of

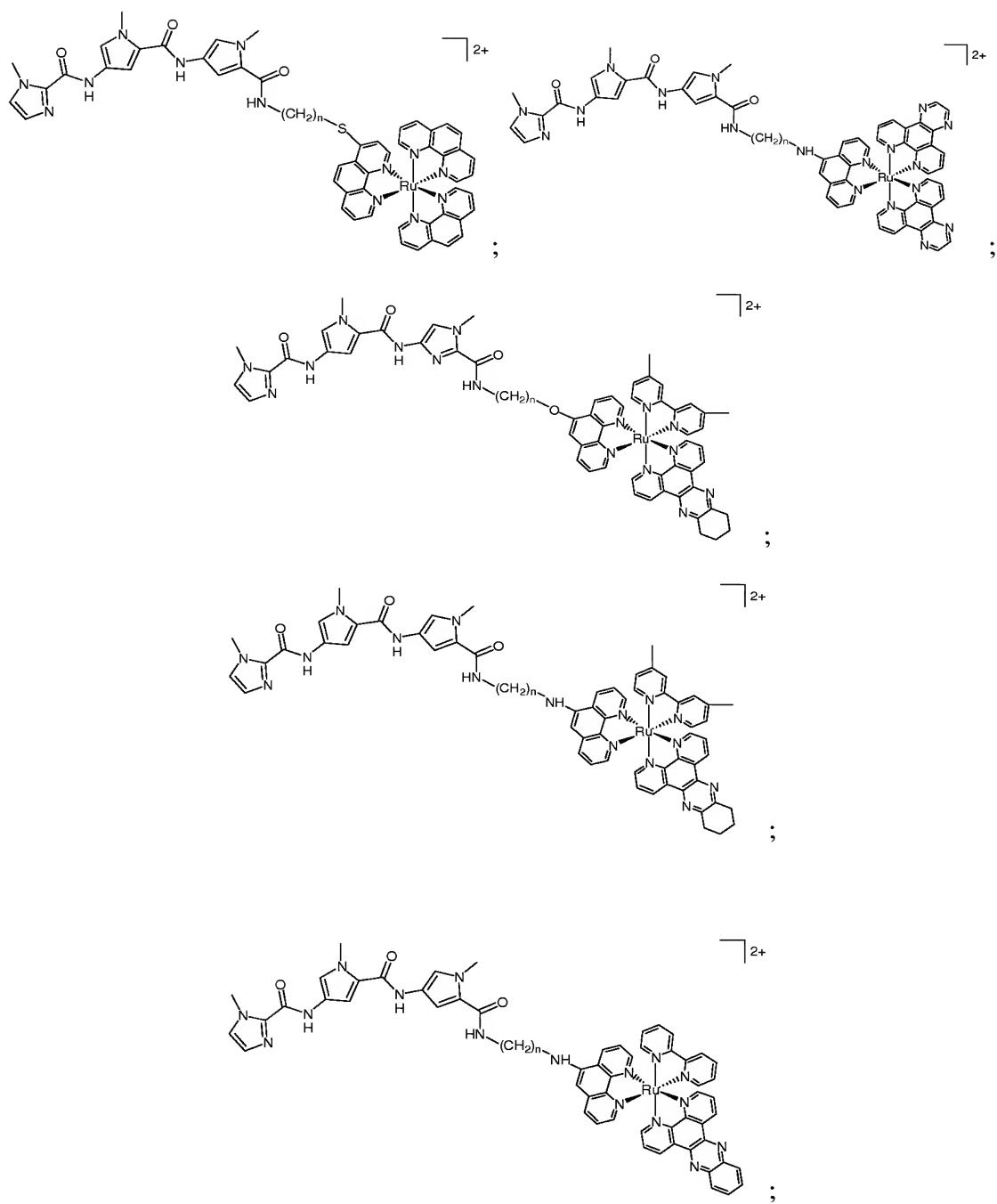


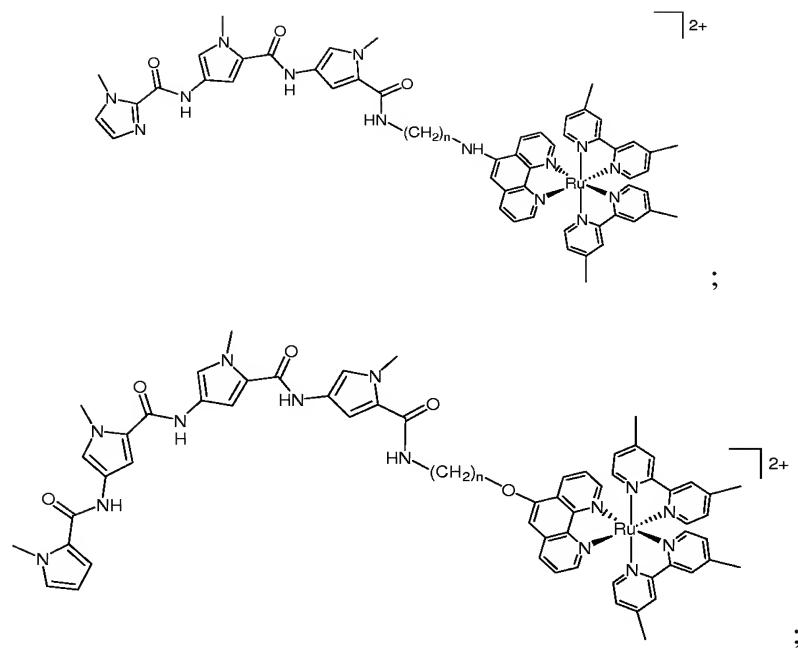
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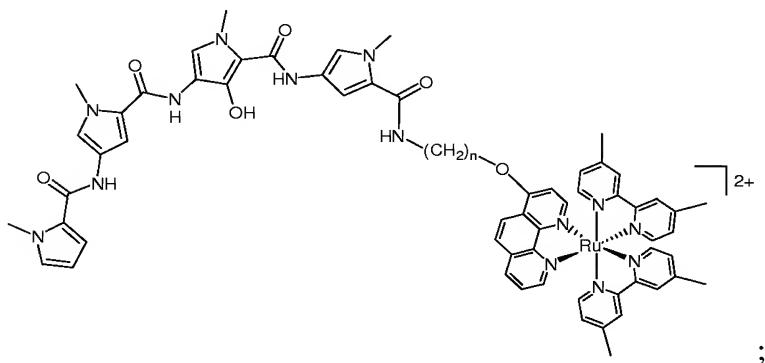
“trans-Im/Py/Py-[CONH(CH₂)₂-NH₂]Pt(NH₃)₂Cl”;







and



where n is an integer selected from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, or a salt thereof.

Claims 15-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least a compound of formula (1) according claim [[1]] 14, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, adjuvant or carrier.

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Claims 18-25 (Canceled).